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Service Set:

# The Caps Were From All Over

By Winzola McLendon

ONE GLANCE at the cloak room last night at the Ft. Lesley J. McNair Officers' Club was enough to tell that



a top echelon party was going on somewhere in the building. The shelves were loaded with caps visored in gold — a sure sign of "General Officer" or "Flag Rank."

**Mrs. McLendon** The owners of the caps were upstairs in the crystal chandeliered ballroom attending the Army Chief of Staff's annual reception for Washington Military Attaches.

Gen. and Mrs. Maxwell Taylor—the party hosts—stood on a red carpet, against a background of palms at the ballroom entrance to receive the more than 350 guests. Strategically located against the walls were four amply stocked bars; a bountiful buffet ran the length of the room; and, across the back, the Army orchestra played against a background of 61 flags—one for each country represented at the reception.

SPANISH Military Attache Benito. Miranda (the only man wearing boots and spurs) and Senora Miranda arrived early and were soon in conversation with Lt. Gen. C. Guzman-Cardenas (the Dean of Attaches) and Senora Guzman from Mexico, and Yugoslavia's Maj. Gen. Franjo Knebl and his pretty wife, Mme. Knebl.

Secretary of the Army and Mrs. Wilber Brucker—she wearing a lovely bracelet of gold set with 17 pearls which she had had made in Japan—were a foursome with Assistant Secretary of the Army and Mrs. Frank Higgins, just back from a Florida vacation. The Secretary was so tanned, Mrs. Higgins was introducing him as her Seminole Indian.

Arriving en masse were Russian Military Attache, and Mme. Nikolai V. Kolkin and five Assistant Attaches and their wives; Brig. Gen. and Mme. Marcel J. Penette were there from France; Brig. Gen. and Mme. S. E. Salem represented Egypt.

AIR FORCE Gen. C. P. Cabell—Mrs. Cabell is in California—was chatting with Mrs. R. J. Canine, wife of Lt. Gen. Canine. Mrs. Graves Erskine came to the party alone and was hoping General Erskine who was flying in from Omaha would arrive before the party was over; and Maj. Gen. Demetrios Gerogiannopoulos, the new Greek Military Attache, was meeting many of the group for the first time.

A colorful foursome were Philippines Military Attache and Mrs. Rafael Pargas and the Assistant Attache and Mrs. Deogracias F. Caballero. Mrs. Caballero's terno (the Philippine native dress) was a sheer black with large gold flowers—Mrs. Pargas wore a mist blue terno with gold trim.